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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 6897 ACTION SECSTATE 11 MAY 77

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S E C R E T TOKYO 6897

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, KS, US, JA

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON TROOP WITHDRAWALS: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

REFS: A. TOKYO 6804; B. SEOUL 3880 AND 3882; C. STATE 104886

1. DIRGEN AMERICAN AFFAIRS YAMAZAKI CONTACTED ME AT 1700 HOURS
MAY 11 TO INFORM ME THAT PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND FOREIGN
MINISTER HATOYAMA HAD CONFIRMED GOJ AGREEMENT TO ANNOUNCEMENT
BY DEPARTMENT AT NOON MAY 11 WASHINGTON TIME OF BROWN/HABIB
VISIT TO TOKYO FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN SEOUL ON FUTURE

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WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA. GOJ HAS NO
OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AS PROVIDED
REF C.

2. YAMAZAKI CALLED MY ATTENTION TO FACT THAT EVENING EDITION
OF TOKYO SHIMBUN MAY 11 CARRIED WASHINGTON DATED LINE STORY TO
EFFECT THAT BROWN/HABIB WILL VISIT SEOUL TOWARD END THIS MONTH

AND THAT THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL MAKE BRIEF VISIT TO JAPAN ON RETURN FROM SEOUL. YAMAZAKI STATED THAT THIS LEAK HAD BEEN FACTOR IN EXPEDITING GOJ DECISION TO AGREE TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 11. IF CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SONODA OR VICE MINISTER SATO ASKED FOR COMMENT ON THIS REPORT THEY WILL SAY THAT THEY INFORMED BROWN/HABIB WILL BE GOING TO SEOUL AND MIGHT COME TO TOKYO BUT THAT DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBILITY OF TOKYO VISIT, THEY WILL STATE THAT DETAILS OF ANY SUCH VISIT, INCLUDING WHOM THEY WILL MEET WITH, HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

3. YAMAZAKI CONFIRMED TO ME THAT IN FACT DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED ON WHO WILL MEET WITH BROWN/HABIB. HIS PERSONAL GUESS IS THAT IT PROBABLY WILL BE FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA (SINCE FUKUDA PROBABLY WILL BE FULLY PREOCCUPIED WITH DIET MANEUVERING AT THAT TIME), BUT YAMAZAKI STATED THAT GOJ WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US ON THIS MATTER. SHOESMITH. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER.

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